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COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. IN PAST MONTH, ON DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY
HAS TWICE DISCUSSED NAMCC WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF
TANGOV MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE BASED OUR APPROACH
THE FIRST TIME ON OUR GENERAL INTEREST IN NAM TRENDS, PARTICULARLY
WHAT WAS LIKELY UNDER CUBAN LEADERSHIP, AND THE SECOND TIME ON
OUR INTEREST IN AN ISSUE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO US, PUERTO
RICO. REFTEL A ASKS THAT WE NOW GO BACK AND DISCUSS A WIDE
RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH MIGHT FIGURE IN NAMCC. WE ARE
INCLINED, FOR REASONS GIVEN BELOW, TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD
NOT BE WELCOMED BY TANGOV AND WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN
INFLUENCING TANGOV POSITIONS.

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2. FIRST, TANGOV IS SENSITIVE TO BIG POWER PRESSURE ON NAM.
TANGOV TAKES NAM SERIOUSLY AND WANTS IT TAKEN SERIOUSLY,
PARTICULARLY BY THE GREAT POWERS WHICH NAM IS INTENDED TO
OFFSET. TANGOV IS WELL AWARE, AND EVEN APPRECIATIVE, OF US
INTEREST IN NAM. TWO REPRESENTATIONS ALREADY MADE (REFTELS
B AND C) GIVE EVIDENCE TO TANGOV THAT USG IN 1978 REMAINS
MUCH INTERESTED IN AND ALERT TO DIRECTIONS TAKEN BY NAM.

WE BELIEVE TANGOV, HOWEVER, WOULD THINK MATTERS WERE BEING CARRIED TOO FAR IF WE TOOK UP WITH THEM GREATER PART OF NAMCC AGENDA IN STYLE OF ANNUAL PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS.

3. SECOND, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE TANGOV POSITIONS TO OUR ADVANTAGE. US POSITIONS ON ISSUES LISTED REFTEL ARE WELL KNOWN TO TANGOV ON BASIS OF PAST REPRESENTATIONS, INCLUDING ANNUAL PRE-UNGA REVIEW. TANGOV POSITIONS ON MOST ISSUES ARE AT ODDS WITH OURS AND REITERATING OUR VIEWS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE NO EFFECT. TANGOV, IN ANY EVENT, WOULD PLACE FAR GREATER STOCK IN NAM SOLIDARITY THAN IT WOULD IN TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE US VIEWS.

4. THIRD, OUR TANZANIAN COLLEAGUES ARE QUITE CERTAIN THAT NAMCC IS ONLY GOING TO REVIEW THE IMPLSMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE COLOMBO SUMMIT AND WILL NOT BE BREAKING NEW GROUND. TANZANIANS ARE PREPARING FOR KABUL MEETING ON THIS BASIS, AS WE DISCOVERED WHEN WE MADE OUR REPRESENTATION ON PUERTO RICO, AND ARE NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED AT THIS STAGE IN US VIEWS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES.
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